began the transfer of the 30-metre towers for the 500 kV power line from the Surgut-2 Regional Hydro Plant to Kholmogory.

"It is the first time that we have transported such a large and heavy load through the air," explained V. Chistyakov, commander of the Tyumen Combined Air Transport Operations. "Four towers, with an overall weight of 13 tonnes, were fastened at the same time to the helicopter's external sling, transported a distance of 120 km, and successfully put in place.

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## AN-28 Aircraft In Regular Service

Five AN-28 aircraft are being "broken in" on Chukchi air routes. Now we can call this aircraft, which was only recently considered a newcomer, the shuttle of the Arctic.

The AN-28, which made its first trip from Pevek to the settlement of Baranikha in November of last year, is now familiar to passengers from the miners' settlements of Leningradskiy and Keperveem.

Your correspondent was informed by
V. Martasov, Chief Engineer in the Operations
Department of the Chaunskaya Guba Air Transport
Authority, that, after approval of the runway at
Mayskii, it will also be regularly served by
AN-28's. The certifying